Dear President Napolitano:

We are writing to express our support of your statement at the Regents’ meeting reaffirming the values central to the history and ethics of the University of California: that the University is committed to welcoming and supporting all of its students, that it seeks to provide a secure atmosphere for students, staff, and faculty, and that it aims to fulfill its commitments to serve its students in a spirit of open inquiry and with protections for the academic enterprise.\(^1\)

As you know, students throughout the University system are deeply afraid of the variety of actions that the incoming Trump administration might take regarding immigration law and policy as well as the effects that President-elect Trump’s campaign and rhetoric have had on the cultural atmosphere more generally. Consequently, we strongly urge you to take concrete steps to translate the University’s stated values into practical application. We suggest that they include, although not be limited to, the following actions:

- Provide increased resources to the UC Undocumented Legal Services Center and the Undocumented Student Centers on individual campuses. These offices will bear an increasing burden and will need additional funding for staff and attorneys.
- Commit the University to providing immigration legal services to students and their families and to staff who are affected by the changing enforcement of the law and/or the end of DACA.
- Commit the University to protecting the privacy of student and staff personal information to the fullest extent of California and Federal law.
- Commit the University to the maintenance of access to health services for students and covered members of their families as well as staff members.
- Commit the University to providing equivalent financial support to undocumented students if students’ work-study or other university employment authorization is revoked due to the end or alteration of DACA.
- Ensure that undocumented students’ safety is preserved on University campuses, in University residences, on other University grounds, and at University events and activities regardless of location.

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• Continue to provide financial assistance to undocumented students to the full extent allowed by California law.
• Commit the University to maintaining access to matriculation and full participation in University services and in the University community for undocumented students to the full extent allowed by California law.
• Instruct University officials not to voluntarily comply with requests for information on the immigration status of students and staff or for entering university grounds to search for students or staff.

We recognize that these will be challenging times for the University and all of its members. But we are convinced that the University can best weather them by insisting upon its long-standing ideals as a place where students, staff, and faculty can all come together to open inquiry. If the University does not ensure this to all of its members, it will have failed in one of its fundamental duties.

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